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COMMENDING THE SERVICE OF
DR. DAVID L. WEINBERG, OUT-
GOING PRESIDENT OF THE SAN
MATEO COUNTY MEDICAL ASSO-
CIATION

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 17, 2003

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Dr. David L. Weinberg, who has ably represented the people of San Mateo as the President of the San Mateo County Medical Association. His one-year term has just expired.

Dr. Weinberg has a distinguished record of service to the people of San Mateo and to the nation as a whole. He served in a combat unit in Vietnam for over a year during some of the most intense fighting there, arriving just before the Tet Offensive. Dr. Weinberg was frequently behind enemy lines, supporting American and Vietnamese troops and Special Forces. For his service and over 500 hours of air combat duty, he was awarded 10 medals.

A graduate of the University of Wisconsin Medical School, Dr. Weinberg began a fellowship program at the Letterman Army Medical Center in San Francisco before going to Vietnam in 1967. When he finished his military service in 1969, Dr. Weinberg returned to San Francisco to begin his residency at the University of California-San Francisco (UCSF). He completed his residency in 1972 and was certified by the American Academy of Dermatology the following year.

Mr. Speaker, during his term as President of the San Mateo County Medical Association (SMCMA) this past year, Dr. Weinberg sought to increase cooperation among doctors and to make them independent of hospitals and insurance companies, and his initiatives have been extraordinarily well received.

An active member of the American College of Physician Executives and the California Medical Association, Dr. Weinberg also has appointments at UCSF as a Clinical Instructor in Dermatology and at two prominent hospitals, Seton Medical Center and Mills-Peninsula Medical Center. In addition to these positions and his responsibilities as President of the SMCMA, Dr. Weinberg sees patients at his solo practice in Daly City.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. David L. Weinberg has made outstanding contributions to the people of San Mateo County, not to speak of his military service on behalf of the American people. I invite my colleagues in commending him on his leadership of the SMCMA.

SALUTING CAPTAIN HUGH
WHITAKER

HON. JEB HENSARLING

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 17, 2003

Mr. HENSARLING. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to salute Captain Hugh Whitaker on the occasion of his retirement, a lawman who

has dedicated more than 50 years of his life serving the people of Freestone County, Texas.

A decorated Marine Corps veteran, Hugh Whitaker returned home to Fairfield after fighting in the Pacific during World War II.

Starting in 1948, Hugh Whitaker was elected Constable, beginning a 55-year-career of public service.

Hugh became the county's Emergency Management Coordinator in 1955, a position he's held for the past 48 years.

During the 1960's, Hugh organized the Freestone County Emergency Corps and the Freestone County Reserve Deputies. More recently, he served as Chief Deputy Sheriff up until his retirement last month.

Freestone County Judge Linda Grant said, "Captain Whitaker is a blessing for the people of Freestone County. He is always there to help in any way."

Mr. Speaker, today we honor Captain Whitaker for his service to his community in the name of public safety. In the words of his fellow lawman, Freestone County Sheriff Ralph Billings, "No one can build boots big enough to fill those of Captain Whitaker."

LEGISLATION TO WITHDRAW THE
UNITED STATES FROM THE
BREITON WOODS AGREEMENT

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 17, 2003

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to introduce legislation to withdraw the United States from the Bretton Woods Agreement and thus end taxpayer support for the International Monetary Fund (IMF). Rooted in a discredited economic philosophy and a complete disregard for fundamental constitutional principles, the IMF forces American taxpayers to subsidize large, multinational corporations and underwrite economic destruction around the globe. This is because the IMF often uses the \$46.7 billion line of credit provided to it by the American taxpayers to bribe countries to follow destructive, statist policies.

Just last year, Argentina was rocked by an economic crisis caused by IMF policies. Despite clear signs over the past several years that the Argentine economy was in serious trouble, the IMF continued pouring taxpayer-subsidized loans with an incredibly low interest rate of 2.6 percent into the country. In 2001, as Argentina's fiscal position steadily deteriorated, the IMF funneled over 8 billion dollars to the Argentine government!

According to Congressman JIM SEXTON, Chairman of the Joint Economic Committee, this "Continued lending over many years sustained and subsidized a bankrupt Argentine economic policy, whose collapse is now all the more serious. The IMF's generous subsidized bailouts lead to moral hazard problems, and enable shaky governments to pressure the IMF for even more funding or risk disaster."

Argentina is just the latest example of the folly of IMF policies. Five years ago the world economy was rocked by an IMF-created disaster in Asia. The IMF regularly puts the taxpayer on the hook for the mistakes of the big banks. Oftentimes, Mr. Speaker, IMF funds end up in the hands of corrupt dictators who

use our taxpayer-provided largesse to prop up their regimes by rewarding their supporters and depriving their opponents of access to capital.

If not corrupt, most IMF borrowers are governments of countries with little economic productivity. Either way, most recipient nations end up with huge debts that they cannot service, which only adds to their poverty and instability. IMF money ultimately corrupts those countries it purports to help, by keeping afloat reckless political institutions that destroy their own economies.

IMF policies ultimately are based on a flawed philosophy that says the best means of creating economic prosperity is through government-to-government transfers. Such programs cannot produce growth, because they take capital out of private hands, where it can be allocated to its most productive use as determined by the choices of consumers in the market; and place it in the hands of politicians. Placing economic resources in the hands of politicians and bureaucrats inevitably results in inefficiencies, shortages, and economic crises, as even the best-intentioned politicians cannot know the most efficient use of resources.

In addition, the IMF violates basic constitutional and moral principles. The Federal Government has no constitutional authority to fund international institutions such as the IMF. Furthermore, Mr. Speaker, it is simply immoral to take money from hard-working Americans to support the economic schemes of politically-powerful special interests and third-world dictators.

In all my years in Congress, I have never been approached by a taxpayer asking that he or she be forced to provide more subsidies to Wall Street executives and foreign dictators. The only constituency for the IMF is the huge multinational banks and corporations. Big banks used IMF funds—taxpayer funds—to bail themselves out from billions in losses after the Asian financial crisis. Big corporations obtain lucrative contracts for a wide variety of construction projects funded with IMF loans. It's a familiar game in Washington, with corporate welfare disguised as compassion for the poor.

Last year's Argentine debacle is yet further proof that the IMF was a bad idea from the very beginning—economically, constitutionally, and morally. The IMF is a relic of an era when power-hungry bureaucrats and deluded economists believed they could micromanage the world's economy. Withdrawal from the IMF would benefit American taxpayers, as well as workers and consumers around the globe. I hope my colleagues will join me in working to protect the American taxpayer from underwriting the destruction of countries like Argentina, by cosponsoring my legislation to end America's support for the IMF.

HONORING JUDGE A. JAY CRISTOL
ON USS "LIBERTY" RESEARCH

HON. PETER DEUTSCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 17, 2003

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Judge A. Jay Cristol of the Southern District of Florida on the completion of his invaluable research on the USS *Liberty*

incident. In 1987, Judge Cristol began researching the tragedy that befell the United States Navy ship *Liberty* and her crew on June 8, 1967. Judge Cristol completed a doctoral dissertation on the subject in 1997 and published his book, *The Liberty Incident*, in 2002.

In his continued quest for the truth, Judge Cristol pressed and finally convinced the National Security Agency to release classified transcripts proving that Israel's attack on the USS *Liberty* during the Six Day War was, in fact, accidental.

On June 8, 1967, Israeli troops detected large explosions along the Sinai shore. The United States had announced two days earlier that it had no warships in the combat zone, and Israeli troops believed that they were experiencing an Egyptian naval bombardment. In response, the Israelis attacked the USS *Liberty*, which they mistook for being an Egyptian warship, killing 34 American crewmen and wounding 171.

For 35 years, conspiracy theories have raged and critics have insisted that Israel attacked the American ship deliberately. Finally, just last month, the NSA, under pressure by Judge Cristol, released transcripts of transmissions from two Israeli helicopter pilots that participated in the 1967 attack. These tapes, which have until now remained classified, serve to conclude the evidence that the tragic event was, in fact, a case of mistaken identity.

Judge Cristol's diligent efforts and persistence for the truth over the past sixteen years are to be commended. Through his work, he has helped restore faith in the special relationship that the United States and Israel share. Mr. Speaker, I hope the entire House joins me congratulating Florida Judge Jay Cristol on his achievement.

TRIBUTE TO DAN FOULK

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 17, 2003

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a solemn heart that I stand before this body of Congress and this nation today to pay tribute to the life and legacy of Dan Foulk, an outstanding citizen from my district who recently passed away. Dan was a member of the Pueblo Rural Fire Department and he will be remembered as a dedicated firefighter, loyal friend, and committed father.

As a member of the Pueblo Rural Fire Department, Dan spent his life protecting the community he loved. Dan was an Assistant Chief for the Department and was hired as their first Fire Marshal in 2001. Dan was able to accomplish both jobs simultaneously, working hard to insure the safety of his community. Dan was honored to be able to perform both of these duties. He loved being a fireman, and he loved protecting Pueblo. This dedication made Dan a role model in the Pueblo Fire Department. When not working to protect the community, Dan was at home with his family. He was blessed with a lovely wife, five children, and ten grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to Dan Foulk before this body of Congress and this nation. His hard work, enthusiastic attitude, and leadership will be missed. Dan will

forever be remembered for the contributions he provided his community and I am sorry for his loss. My thoughts and prayers go out to Dan's family, friends, and his coworkers on the Pueblo Rural Fire Department.

HONORING EDESEL BRYANT FORD

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HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 17, 2003

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and commemorate my dear friend Edsel Bryant Ford II, former president and chief operating officer of the Ford Motor Credit Company. Mr. Ford is also a noted philanthropist in the Detroit Metropolitan area.

Named after his grandfather, Edsel Bryant Ford, the son of Ford Motor company founder Henry Ford, Mr. Ford retired from daily executive life in 1999 in order to be more involved with his family and community. Due to Edsel's stalwart leadership, Ford Motor Credit Company remains the world's largest automotive finance company. Edsel maintains ties to his family's business, sitting on the Ford board of directors and working as a consultant. Edsel participates in many dealer conferences and meetings, and remains, for many dealers, the face of the Ford Motor Company.

The Fords have been giving back to Detroit for more than 100 years, and Edsel Ford II is another example of continuing Ford philanthropy. The reach of the company and the family is felt throughout the Detroit metro area. Mr. Ford's dedication and commitment to the city of Detroit have led to many developments both for the city and the surrounding community. As president of the Detroit-based Henry Ford II Fund, Mr. Ford oversees a foundation that dispenses millions of dollars annually to charitable and educational organizations including Focus: HOPE, the Detroit Zoological Society, the United Negro College Fund, the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation and Caring Athletes Team for Children's and Henry Ford Hospitals (CATCH). Mr. Ford is also chairman of the Detroit 300 Committee, which raised \$30 million, for the city's tricentennial celebration in 2001 and for the development of Campus Martius Park, which will become a gathering place for metro Detroit citizens. Additional community activities include the Skillman Foundation, Henry Ford Health System, and the Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport Commission. In 2001, Mr. Ford was honored by the Detroit News as one of its Michiganians of the year.

The hard work and goodwill of Mr. Ford should be applauded. Mr. Speaker, I ask that all of my colleagues join me in congratulating Mr. Edsel Ford II for his inexhaustible support, generosity, and leadership to his community and to give him our best wishes for a well deserved, relaxing and enjoyable future.

COMMENDING BRENT BERRYMAN

HON. MARTIN FROST

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 17, 2003

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Brent Berryman for his many years

of dedicated service to Lockheed Martin Missiles and Fire Control in Dallas, Texas, and to congratulate him on his retirement from the company.

During his tenure with Lockheed Martin, Brent has managed the company's employee and company contribution programs, coordinated employee volunteer efforts, and served as the company's lobbyist for state and local issues. He served as Lockheed Martin's Constituent Relations Manager for local relations with federal officials in the Dallas area and has served as executive director of the LTV Foundation and manager of the company's political action committee.

As a devoted employee and civil servant, Brent Berryman complemented his many business activities at Lockheed Martin with service to the Dallas Assembly, the Dallas Urban League's Board of Directors, the March of Dimes, and the President's Task Force of the State Fair of Texas, among others. In addition, Brent volunteers as a Mentor and Tutor in three different elementary school programs and serves as a member of the Citizens Advisory Committee of the Amelia Earhart Learning Center.

In 2002, Brent received the Lockheed Martin Missiles and Fire Control Excellence Award for his consistent success in community outreach. He has also received awards from the Women's Center of Dallas and the Dallas Urban League for his outstanding community service and support.

Mr. Speaker, I have had the good fortune to work with Brent on many issues important to the defense of our nation and the economic well-being of North Texas. He deserves special recognition for his tremendous achievement and dedication to his company and its mission. I look forward to continue working with Brent, post-retirement, and I know my colleagues will join me today in wishing him success in all of his future endeavors.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ARTHUR COLES III

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 17, 2003

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to ask my colleagues here in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in honoring a very special person whom I am privileged to call a friend, Mr. Arthur Coles III, on the occasion of his retirement.

Arthur Coles III was born in Newark, New Jersey and attended Monmouth Street Elementary School, West Kinney Junior High, and Arts High School. While at Arts High School he played varsity basketball under Coach George Voller. The playgrounds of Newark were the place to be during Arthur's teenage years and he was taught the X's and O's of basketball by legendary Charlie Johnson, Arthur Johnson Sr., Eugene Robinson and William Pony Wilson.

Upon graduation from Central State University Wilberforce, Ohio in 1967, Arthur returned to Newark, New Jersey and accepted a teaching position at Weequahic High School. Arthur has served in many positions at Weequahic High School: art teacher, teacher to assist the principal, interim head basketball coach, assistant basketball coach, class advisor, and